

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 164

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dong-Kurn Lee for
outstanding service to Rotary International and
to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
venerable persons who, through their many talents and professional abilities, strive to enrich the
lives of people all over the world, and who have thus distinguished themselves as civic and
charitable leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such assiduous and noteworthy individual is Rotary International
President Dong-Kurn Lee, who has devoted his professional life to enhancing the lives of people
of every continent through Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, driven by a personal goal to reduce the child mortality rate worldwide, Mr.
Lee launched the 2008-2009 Rotary International theme, "Make Dreams Real," during which
Rotarians have been focusing on food and water, health care and schooling, and creating the
opportunity for all children to have a chance at a long and fulfilling life; and

WHEREAS, Dong-Kurn Lee has effectively focused much of the attention of Rotarians
on the cause of developing countries, where a great majority of childhood deaths occur; he has
simultaneously encouraged Rotary Clubs to strive to make the children in their own
communities feel safe and well; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Seoul, Korea, Mr. Lee is a graduate of Yonsei University who
holds a degree in political science and diplomacy; he is a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul
Hangang; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee joined the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hangang in 1971; prior to his position as President, he served Rotary International in a variety of other prestigious capacities; and

WHEREAS, within Rotary International, Mr. Lee has stood in the positions of District Governor from 1995 to 1996, Director of Rotary International from 2001 to 2003, Treasurer of Rotary International from 2002 to 2003, Chairman of the Celebration Committee – Community Concerns from 2004 to 2005, Trustee of the Rotary Foundation from 2003 to 2007, and President-Elect from 2007 to 2008; he also delivered the President’s Message in 2008 as President of Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, Dong-Kurn Lee has also served as regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and zone and regional Coordinator for Membership Development; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his extensive service to Rotary International, Mr. Lee is Chairman of Bu-Bang Co., Ltd. And Bu-Bang Techron Co., Ltd., two successful manufacturing companies in Seoul; and

WHEREAS, highly devoted to academia, Mr. Lee serves as Trustee to the Busan College of Information and Technology and is past president of his high school and college alumni associations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many distinguished academic and civic positions, Dong-Kurn Lee has served as Trustee to the Bank of Seoul and as Honorary Consul of Italy in Korea; in 2005, the President of the Republic of Korea appointed Mr. Lee to the position of International Goodwill Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee also chairs the Polio Eradication Private Sector Initiative in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Dong-Kurn Lee’s dedicated and unrelenting service in the academic, civic, and political spheres has earned him many accolades, including a Citation for Meritorious Service from the Polio Eradication Private Sector Initiative; he also won the “Calgary Challenge” at the eighty-seventh Rotary International Convention, an award which honors the Rotarian with the most successful membership development efforts; Mr. Lee was recognized for chartering thirty-two new clubs and adding nearly 1,800 new members, making his district a world Rotary leader; and

WHEREAS, Dong-Kurn Lee enjoys the loving companionship and support of his wife, Young Ja; he is the proud father of four children and the loving grandfather of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's experience as a father and a grandfather spurs him on in the "Make Dreams Real" theme, as he works tirelessly to improve the quality of life and the availability of resources for children across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize the leaders of those service organizations that possess a rich history of benevolence, serve a vital role in our society, and stand as a testament to the virtues of integrity and compassion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dong-Kurn Lee of Seoul, Korea, for his meritorious service to Rotary International, an organization that has greatly enhanced the quality of life for Tennesseans since its inception in 1905, extending to him our gratitude for his exemplary work and our wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.